

REMARKS

Claims 1-43 are pending in the application. Claims 1-8, 11, 24-26, and 41-43 have been cancelled. Claims 9, 10, 12-23, and 27-40 have been amended. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing amendments to Claims 9, 10, 12-23, and 27-40 prior to further examination. No new matter has been introduced. Acceptance is respectfully requested.

Allowed Subject Matter

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 27-30 and 32-35.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in other claims.

The Examiner stated that Claims 12-20 and 31 would be allowable if re-written or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112. Claims 12-20 and 31 have now been amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, and therefore are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 9, 10, 26, and 43 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 9 and 10 have now been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the independent claims from which they depend and any intervening claims, and therefore are now in condition for allowance. Claim 21 has been rewritten to include all the limitations from Claims 24-26, and is now considered allowable. Claim 36 has been rewritten to include all the limitations from Claims 41-43, and is now considered allowable.

Abstract Objection

The Abstract has been objected to for minor informalities. The Abstract has been amended as suggested by the Examiner as shown above. Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the objection of the Abstract.

Specification Objections

The Specification has been object to for minor informalities. The Specification has been amended as suggested by the Examiner as shown above. Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the objections of the Specification.

Claim Objections

Claims 1, 2, 12, 27, 28, 32, and 36-43 have been objected to for informalities. Claims 1, 2, and 41-43 have been cancelled.

Claim 12 has been amended to change the term “the hub” to “the hub location” as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim 27 has been amended to change the term “a first wireless system air interfaces” to “first wireless system air interfaces” as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim 27 has been amended to change the term “a second base station operated” to “a second base station operating” as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim 28 has been amended to change the term “AMPS” to “advanced mobile phone service (AMPS)” as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim 32 has been amended to change the term “A method” to “A system” as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim 36 has been amended to change the term “the system coverage area” to “the coverage area” as suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 37-40 have been amended to change the term “A system” to “A method” as suggested by the Examiner.

Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the objections of Claims 12, 27, 28, 32, and 36-40.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

Claims 1-26, 31, and 36-43 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph for being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1-8, 11, 24-26, and 41-43 have been cancelled.

Claims 9 and 10 have now been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the independent claims from which they depend and any intervening claims. As such the term “the transport signal format” from original claim 1 now incorporated into claims 9 and 10 has been amended to provide sufficient antecedent basis and now reads “the transport signaling format”.

Claim 12 has been amended to provide sufficient antecedent basis for the term “the intermediate frequency signals” and now reads “the intermediate frequency carrier signals”.

Claim 21 has been amended to provide sufficient antecedent basis for the term “the common transport medium” by amending line 7 to read “a common transport medium”.

Claim 31 has been amended to provide sufficient antecedent basis for the term “the transport signal format” and now reads “a transport signal format”.

Claim 36 has been amended to provide sufficient antecedent basis for the terms “the service provider” and “the wireless communication service provider” and now reads “a service provider” and “the service provider”, respectively.

Claim 36 has been further amended to provide sufficient antecedent basis for the term “base station” as recited throughout the claim.

Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 9, 10, 12-23, 31, and 36-40.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 1-7, 11, 21-24, and 36-42 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ketsoglou et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,732,076) in view of Darcie et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,519,691). Claims 8, 25, and 42 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ketsoglou in view of Darcie and further in view of Vilander et al (U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2004/0010609).

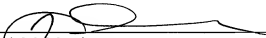
Applicant herein cancels Claims 1-8, 11, 24-26, and 41-43. Applicant does not acquiesce to the rejection and reserves the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the canceled claims. Applicant does not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the cancelled claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that Claims 9, 10, 12-23, and 27-40 are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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